

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 18, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT, DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT AND, BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE AUGUST 18, 2021 REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>**

**IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **08/11/2021**.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Holly and Ingrid Erickson, Clermont County Heritage Builders 4-H Club, gave a power point presentation entitled Pigeons: A Buried History, detailing how pigeons were using during World War I and World War II. Commissioner Corcoran asked the girls to share what happened after the Clermont County Fair. Ms. Erickson stated they won a trophy at the Ohio State Fair.

Ms. Erickson began by telling the story of Cher Ami, the last hope of the 77<sup>th</sup> battalion during World War I, who were completely surrounded. Cher Ami flew 25 miles in 25 minutes and made it home despite being shot in the eye, chest and leg to save the lives of 194 men. Her body was stuffed and placed in the Smithsonian Museum after her death a year and a half later. Ms. Erickson shared the story of GI Joe who flew 20 miles in 20 minutes during World War II to send a message to stop an air raid, saving soldiers and countless civilians. After the war ended, pigeons fell out of use and out of memory.

Ms. Erickson stated they would like to demonstrate how pigeons were used during World War I and World War II to save lives and help in wars. The two main uses were military communications and intelligence gathering. Ms. Erickson gave a brief overview of the Secret Pigeon Service where pigeons flew into enemy territory delivering messages and gave details of several pigeons and their missions.

- Kenley Lass: The first pigeon to be used with success for secret communications from an agent in enemy-occupied France in 1940.
- Scotch Lass: Brought 38 microphotographs across the North Sea while injured in Holland in 1944.
- Winkie: Delivered a message under exceptionally difficult conditions and contributed to the rescue of an aircrew in 1942.
- Duke of Normandy: The first bird to arrive with a message from paratroops on D Day 1944.
- Paddy: The best recorded time with a message from Normandy in 1944.

Ms. Erickson explained the pigeons did all of these brave acts for the love of home.

Commissioner Corcoran thanked the girls for their presentation and congratulated them on their trophy at the Ohio State Fair. (21-0104-005)

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Yvonne Smith, Benefits Coordinator, Human Resources, introduced Steve Ferguson, Sr. Vice President, Susan Stockman, Sr. Vice President and Michele Misler, Senior Account Executive, USI, who will provide a power point presentation in regards to the Clermont County Employee Benefits Renewal. Mr. Ferguson stated it is an honor and privilege to serve Clermont County.

Ms. Stockman shared the first slide which included pictures of the Clermont County Service Team who will be providing benefit services. Mr. Ferguson briefly reviewed the next slide which showed USI at a glance listing them as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest privately-held broker of U.S. Businesses with over 8,000 employees and over \$2 billion in revenue.

Mr. Ferguson briefly detailed the preliminary renewal summary noting that claim costs are currently at 73% and cost per employee is 15% lower than 2020 at \$10,662.00. The initial stop-loss premium is 17.6% with options to bring it down to 3%. Currently, there are no large claims over \$250,000.00 and several preliminary stop-loss proposals lower than the current renewal. Commissioner Painter asked for an explanation of the number on the chart in regards to 72.7% in 2021 for claims variance to be expected. Mr. Ferguson explained that dividing the expected claims of 6,318,365 and net claims of 4,593,523 it gives the 72.7% claims variance meaning the County is running at 72.7% of expected claims for the year.

Ms. Misler explained the Covid-19 impact on Clermont County employees. To date, there were 198 confirmed cases, 59 positive tests, 155 negative tests, 813 with unknown results and 197 vaccinated employees. Ms. Misler explained the number of vaccinated employees is low because it only reflects those who used their health insurance in obtaining the vaccine and those who were vaccinated at clinics are not reflected. Ms. Misler shared that there were 26 emergency room visits, 14 inpatient visits, 1 ICU admittance and 0 on a ventilator.

Mr. Ferguson shared the 2022 preliminary medical renewal explaining that medical stop-loss insurers will need claims through August for final proposals. Requests for Proposals were issued to 12 medical stop-loss carriers with the current carrier offering a renewal projection of a 1.9% increase. The current projected total medical cost is \$10.8 million compared to \$13 million in 2020. There are no current claims that exceed the stop-loss deductible compared to 2 claims in 2020 and no claims that exceed 50% of the stop-loss deductible, compared to 11 claims in 2020. Mr. Ferguson went into further detail in regards to initial renewal proposal details and financials by sharing some charts and data. Commissioner Painter explained it is tough to project what claims will look like and asked Mr. Ferguson to explain the data used to come up with the numbers. Mr. Ferguson explained there are two components that are looked at with the first one being healthcare trend which is anticipating a 6-8% increase in cost from one year to the next as doctors and hospitals increase their cost. The second component is the trend on claims with Clermont County's trend decreasing. Commissioner Painter mentioned that claims decreased last year due to Covid-19 and many individuals staying home and not going out, but if we come out of the pandemic the claims will increase and asked if that is taken into consideration. Mr. Ferguson explained that is taken into consideration as well.

Mr. Ferguson discussed prescription drugs which represent 35% of medical claims, compared to the national average of 22% with specialty drugs being a key cost driver representing 51% of all pharmacy expenses. Employees currently pay 12% of the total cost which is a 9% increase from 2021. USI is preparing pharmacy manager alternatives which include a new manufacturer's purchasing assistance program with an estimated savings in specialty drugs of \$1 million. There are also enhanced clinical programs with an estimated 10-15% savings and also the introduction of limited genetic testing to improve treatment effectiveness for specific medical conditions.

Ms. Misler discussed the 2022 dental renewal results with request for proposals issued to seven dental insurance companies and the current dental care provider offering a zero increase. Clermont County dental plan members expressed dissatisfaction with Dental Care Plus and two alternatives were identified with favorable proposals. Delta Dental and MetLife offered improved benefits with

better in and out of network benefits, added dental implant coverage and contracted discounted rates beyond the annual maximum. Delta Dental is a slight increase and MetLife is a decrease. Commissioner Painter asked if it is possible to look at using the \$26,000 we would save on other services they could offer and keep cost the same. Ms. Misler explained they will look into every option available.

Ms. Stockman shared the 2022 vision renewal results with request for proposals issued to eight vision care insurance companies and the current vision care provider offering a zero increase. There is an interest in a vision plan that expands the available vision providers and the Vision Service Plan (VSP) offers increased benefit allowances, decrease in premium cost, and benefit allowances based on wholesale costs instead of retail and a four year rate guarantee. Commissioner Painter commented that insurance doesn't provide the type of glasses consumers would buy and knowing all the details from a provider about these types of costs is important. He added that getting new glasses is a \$500.00 or more experience even with the discounts and this needs to be looked at.

Ms. Misler shared the 2022 life and disability benefits renewal results with request for proposals issued to 9 life and disability insurance carriers and the current carrier has offered a zero increase for 2022. Participants have experienced significant issues in administration and eligibility challenges to claims, which has resulted in a request to change. Voya is a possible alternative offering a lower premium cost, bundled pricing and improved pre-existing condition exclusion for new enrollments.

Ms. Stockman discussed the benefits mobile app offered to employees that is already being implemented. This helps with communication and helping members to get the information they need in regards to their benefits. Ms. Misler discussed the Benefit Resource Center that is available to employees for help. Mr. Ferguson reviewed the next steps in the benefits renewal process. The stop-loss proposal needs to be finalized, they need to meet with OMB for final vendor proposals, another presentation is scheduled in front of the Board on September 1, 2021 with a motion to approve the recommendations and the final step is to schedule open enrollment. (21-0104-005)

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Greg Keyser, 504 Old US Highway 52, New Richmond, Ohio, 45157, addressed the Board and shared that he is an Attorney representing Angelo Santoro. Mr. Keyser explained he is following up on a letter written to the County Engineer last month in regards to narrow road concerns of Taylor Road, Amelia Olive Branch Road and Clough Pike between Amelia Olive Branch and Main Street in Batavia. Mr. Keyser expressed concern that these are two lane roads of only 12 feet in width in some places with little median and no berm in a potential heavy traffic area near the Clermont County Airport and a continual developing area. At times, large trucks cannot pass other cars safely on the road and the danger is exacerbated with the potential for more traffic in the area as it develops. Mr. Keyser explained that State regulations suggest twenty feet as a safe road width and asked the Board to consider looking into the feasibility of widening these roads and place this issue before the county and the township authorities at their September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for the safety of Clermont County residents. Commissioner asked to clarify the roads as being Amelia Olive Branch and Taylor and Mr. Keyser confirmed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT A CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED WHETHER ANY BOARD MEMBER WANTED ANY ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION AND UPON HEARING

NONE:

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

**1. IN RE:    COUNTY SHERIFF.....CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE BOARD OF TATE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR SAME...21-0803-002...EXECUTED**

Recommendation of Robert S. Leahy, County Sheriff, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute a Contract for Law Enforcement Services by and between the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, the Clermont County Sheriff, and the Board of Tate Township Trustees, 2821 Dean Rd, Bethel, Ohio 45106, for the provision of one (1) contract Deputy for Tate Township, effective for a period of three (3) years commencing 07/01/2021 pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein and in compliance with Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**2. IN RE:    COUNTY ENGINEER...ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES...21-0812-001...APPROVED**

Recommendation of Jeremy P. Evans, County Engineer, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the time and place of the Annual Meeting of County and Township Authorities directly involved with the construction and repair of roads and bridges within Clermont County, Ohio, with said meeting to be held at **5:30 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, September 16, 2021**, at the Clermont County Fairgrounds, Multipurpose Building, 1000 Locust Street, Owensville, 45106, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5543.06 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**3. IN RE:    COUNTY ENGINEER...RESOLUTION NUMBER 137-21/REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON BRANCH HILL-GUINEA ROAD LOCATED IN MIAMI TOWNSHIP...21-0812-003...ADOPTED**

Recommendation of Jeremy P. Evans, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 137-21** resolving to request the State of Ohio/Director of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Branch Hill-Guinea Road located in Miami Township as outlined below:

Road	Current Speed Limit	Beginning/Ending	Length/Mileage
Branch Hill-Guinea Road Resolution Number 137-21	posted 40 MPH	From Wards Corner Road to Branch Hill-Loveland Road	1.48 miles or 7,814.4 feet

**4. IN RE:    CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RESOLUTION NUMBER 138-21/RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT UTILITY CHARGES TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE...21-0809-007...ADOPTED**

Recommendation of Jim Steinmetz, Fiscal Administrator, Clermont County Water Resources Department, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 138-21** resolving to certify delinquent utility charges in the amounts of \$33,505.15 for Sewer Charges, \$12,078.74 for Water Charges, and \$12,297.97 for Miscellaneous Utility Charges to the Clermont County Auditor for placement on the real property tax list and duplicate of the County of Clermont, Ohio, as a lien against the property served by such connection as identified in Exhibit A, attached thereto and made a part thereof, pursuant to and in compliance with Sections

6103.02 and 6117.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**5. IN RE:       REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATIVE THERETO...APPROVED**

Requests from various departments to join professional organizations and to authorize payment of the annual dues in the amounts outlined below for membership therein, pursuant to Section 325.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and to authorize reimbursement of **routine travel expenses** associated therewith (*excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier*) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Elected Official or Department/Employee	Organization	Annual Dues	Term
<b>Clermont County Public Defender</b> Robert Benintendi Richard Campbell W. Steven Haynes Gregory Hoffman James Hunt Owen Kelm Nicholas Kernan Katie McBride Julie Pedersen Patrick Stapp DC# 21-0809-001	The Supreme Court of Ohio	\$3,500.00	09/01/2021 through 08/31/2023

**6. IN RE:       BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS... TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM A CLERMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEE...21-0716-008...APPROVED**

Recommendation of Yvonne Smith, Benefits Coordinator, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the **Tuition Assistance Application** submitted by the following employee for participation in the Clermont County Tuition Assistance Program, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Clermont County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual:

Department/Employee	Class Name(s)
<b>Board of County Commissioners</b> Holly Cruely (Revised/previously approved on 07/21/2021)	PAD501 Human Resources Management PAD675 Local Government Management

**7. IN RE:       TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATIVE TO SAME...APPROVED**

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
**Jeannie Zurmehly and Lori Pegg** – (1) day – Cincinnati, Ohio – Clermont Chamber of

Commerce Foundation 2021 Cincinnati Leadercast Cincinnati East – total expenses for registration (\$150.00), estimated not to exceed \$150.00.

8. IN RE:      **PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED**

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the following personnel actions:

\*      THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, RELATIVE TO PERSONNEL ACTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

9. IN RE:      **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY ACTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021...APPROVED**

Recommendation of Mary K. Rains, Director, Office of Management and Budget, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to resolve to approve and authorize financial/budgetary actions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 as they relate to changes in the Annual Appropriation (**Resolution Number 191-20**) for Calendar Year 2021, including legal level of control, and/or interfund transactions pursuant to Sections 5705.13 through 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code as outlined in the following table(s) and to authorize Linda L. Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

**BUDGET TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

FUND	FROM: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	TO: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND	Sheriff Road Patrol FRINGE BENEFITS 1000 - 04 - 19 - 438000 - 520000 -	Sheriff Road Patrol OVERTIME 1000 - 04 - 19 - 438000 - 512100 -	\$ 1,700.00

**REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

FROM: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	TO: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 703200 -	CHILDRENS SERVICES REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV 2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 483200 -	\$ 96,065.30
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 703200 -	CHILDRENS SERVICES REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV 2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 483200 -	\$ 4,131.81
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV 2404 - 06 - 01 - 087000 - 703200 -	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	\$ 11,608.87
CHILDRENS SERVICES REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV 2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 703200 -	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	\$ 381,206.85
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV 2403 - 06 - 01 - 086000 - 703200 -	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	\$ 34,601.79

**CASH TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

FROM: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	TO: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS OUT TO SPEC REV 1000 - 06 - 01 - 035328 - 700200 -	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OPERATING TRF IN FROM GEN FUND 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 480100 -	\$ 85,000.00
GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS OUT TO SPEC REV 1000 - 06 - 01 - 035328 - 700200 -	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OPERATING TRF IN FROM GEN FUND 2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 480100 -	\$ 96,567.50

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN REQUESTED A BRIEF RECESS FROM REGULAR SESSION AT 11:00 A.M FOR A SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS SCHEDULED AT 11:00 A.M. THIS DATE AND CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 101 EAST MAIN STREET, BATAVIA, OHIO 45103-2960, TO AFFORD PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60161 RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE DEERFIELD ROAD SEWER PETITION PROJECT SITUATED WITHIN GOSHEN AND MIAMI TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. (21-0621-004 AND 21-0621-005)

\*\*\*THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT: <http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/videos.aspx>\*\*\*

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** THAT COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED A COURT REPORTER IS PRESENT TO TRANSCRIBE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD TO ALLOW PROPERTY OWNERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OBJECTIONS TO OR ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. FOLLOWING THE HEARING, WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO OR ENDORSEMENTS OF THE PROJECT WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE BUSINESS DAYS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021 AND WILL BE INCLUDED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE TRANSCRIPT. APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING, PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED THE TIME AND PLACE WHERE A RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE TO PROCEED OR NOT TO PROCEED WILL BE CONSIDERED. AS PART OF THE NOTICE, THE COUNTY WILL ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS ANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT WERE EXPRESSED AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING.

LYLE BLOOM, DIRECTOR, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, SHARED THAT CHRIS ROWLAND, ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER, IS PRESENT AND IS SERVING AS THE ENGINEER ON THE PROJECT AS WELL AS COMPLETING THE PROJECT DESIGN. MR. BLOOM GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT CONSISTING OF 1,101 FEET OF EIGHT INCH SANITARY SEWER THAT WILL EXTEND FROM THE DEERFIELD POINTE SUBDIVISION AND RUN NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG DEERFIELD ROAD TO SERVE TEN PROPERTIES IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP. THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$290,100.00 WITH A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF A CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$28,500.00 FOR THE ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT. THE TOTAL BASIC BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

WHICH WOULD BE ASSESSED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IS \$261,600.00 THAT WOULD ALSO BE AN IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT WHICH IS FOR CAPACITY FEES FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL HOME THAT CONNECTS IS \$3,340.00 PER PARCEL. THE TOTAL ASSESSMENT PER PARCEL IS \$29,500.00 AND CAN BE ASSESSED OVER A THIRTY YEAR PERIOD AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THE PETITION FOR THE PROJECT WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER 13, 2017 WITH MULTIPLE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS OVER THE YEARS. OUT OF THE CORRESPONDENCE, FIVE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE IN SUPPORT, THREE ARE OPPOSED AND TWO HAVE NOT RESPONDED. THERE IS A TOTAL OF NINE EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT

JOSEPH MOONEY, ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR, CLERMONT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WAS PRESENT TO SWEAR IN ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY IN REGARDS TO THE PROJECT.

NO ONE APPEARED IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT.

HAVING NO FURTHER COMMENT TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSIDERATION THEREOF, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11:09 A.M. LOCAL TIME.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 11:10 A.M.

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### **10. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 139-21/PAYMENT OF BILLS...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 139-21** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$1,992,714.91** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **August 18, 2021**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **08/17/2021**, and further authorizing the County Auditor to issue warrants for same pursuant to Section 319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

### **11. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RESOLUTION NUMBER 140-21/RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 120-20 WHICH DETERMINED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60189 RELATIVE TO THE PUB WATER TREATMENT PLANT WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT LOCATED IN PIERCE TOWNSHIP AND HEREBY DETERMINING TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COST AND FINANCING THEREFORE AND FURTHER, APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SAME...20-0702-003 AND 20-0702-004...ADOPTED**



Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Chris Rowland, P.E., Assistant Sanitary Engineer, with the concurrence of Lyle G. Bloom, P.E., Director of Utilities, Clermont County Water Resources Department, to adopt **Resolution Number 140-21** resolving **to amend Resolution Number 120-20, which determined to make improvements relative to the construction, operation, and maintenance of Project Number 6401-60189** relative to the **PUB Water Treatment Plant Well Rehabilitation Project** located in Pierce Township, previously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on 07/22/2020, and **to determine to make the afore stated improvements as set forth in the revised Exhibit A**, attached thereto and made a part thereof, and to proceed therewith in accordance with the revised specifications and estimate of cost and financing as herein ratified and confirmed, and subsequent thereto, **to approve the request to re-advertise for bids** for Project Number 6401-60189 pursuant to and in compliance with the revised specifications therefore, and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to place a Legal Notice in a newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, 08/26/2021, scheduling a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on 09/16/2021 at 10:00 A.M., with bids to be received therefore until **2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, 09/23/2021**, in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly thereafter. This notice will also be posted on Clermont County’s website at the following URL link: [www.clermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov).

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes;    Commissioner Painter, Yes;    Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**12. IN RE:    BOARD    OF    COUNTY    COMMISSIONERS...SATISFACTION    OF  
MORTGAGE RELATIVE TO THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REHABILITATION  
FINANCING PROGRAM...21-0809-006...EXECUTED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Jason Fountain, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio, to execute a **Satisfaction of Mortgage**, certifying that the terms of the mortgage and promissory note it secured, as dated, have been satisfied, and authorizing the Recorder to release the said mortgage of record for the following property, as it relates to the Septic System Rehabilitation Financing Program in concert with the Ohio Development Services Agency Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program as outlined below:

Name/Address	Parcel Number(s)	Recorded/Executed
Michael E. Harris and Sara M. Johnston 422 Loveland Branch Hill Road Loveland, OH 45140	17-25-20A-068.	Executed: 07/08/2016 Recorded: 08/19/2016 Official Record Book: 2655 Pages: 1592-1594

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Painter explained that these satisfaction of mortgages appear on the agenda sometimes and wanted the public to know more detail. Commissioner Painter shared that there are certain circumstances where a property owner may not be able to replace a costly septic system and this program helps with that. Jason Fountain added it is a great service and good use of funds as a forgivable loan available to help property owners.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes;    Commissioner Batchler, Yes;    Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**13. IN RE:    BOARD    OF    COUNTY    COMMISSIONERS...SATISFACTION    OF**

**MORTGAGES RELATIVE TO THE CHIP PROGRAM...21-0804-002...EXECUTED**

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Jason Fountain, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, with the concurrence of Thomas Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Satisfaction of Mortgage, certifying that the terms of the mortgages and promissory notes they secured, as dated, have been satisfied, and authorizing the Recorder to release the said mortgages of record for the following properties, as they relate to the CHIP Program as outlined below:

Name/Address	Parcel Number(s)	Recorded/Executed
Nathan Jones 822 Danny Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45245	41-41-35A-112.	Executed: June 25, 2015 Recorded: July 17, 2015 Official Record Book:2586 Pages: 86-91

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**14. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY...ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR SAME...21-0809-002...ACKNOWLEDGED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Pam Haverkos, Director, Clermont County Emergency Management Agency, with the concurrence of Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, to acknowledge the electronic submission of the Grant Application for funding through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235-2206, for the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$115,441.00, with a required local match of \$115,441.00 to be provided from the General Fund, for a total program budget amount of \$230,882.00, for the operation of the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency, effective for the performance period of 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2022.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**15.IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SENIOR SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022...21-0728-003...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the request to advertise for bids for the provision of services or facilities for the Senior Citizens of Clermont County, Ohio, as those persons are defined in the Older Americans Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C., Sections 3001, et. seq., during Calendar Year 2022 and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to place a Legal Notice in a newspaper of general circulation on August 26, 2021 with bids to be received until 2:00 PM local Time on Thursday, September 16, 2021, in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Suite 329, Batavia, Ohio, 45103-2960, where they will be opened and read aloud shortly thereafter. This notice will be posted on Clermont County’s website at the following URL link: [www.clermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov).

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes;    Commissioner Painter, Yes;    Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**16. IN RE:    BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Mary K. Rains, Director, Office of Management and Budget, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to resolve to approve and authorize changes in the Annual Appropriation Resolution Number 191-20 for Calendar Year 2021 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 as outlined in the following table and to authorize Linda L. Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>County Coroner REGULAR SALARY 1000 - 04 - 10 - 391000 - 511200 -</b>	<b>\$ 20,863.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>County Coroner RETIREMENT PAYOUT 1000 - 04 - 10 - 391000 - 513200 -</b>	<b>\$ 7,241.00</b>
<b>SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING</b>	<b>Sheriff Contract Services OVERTIME 2512 - 04 - 19 - 454000 - 512100 -</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>Health Insurance OTHER EXPENSES 8001 - 00 - 01 - 171000 - 530000 -</b>	<b>\$ 600,000.00</b>
<b>DOMESTIC REL SPECIAL PROJECT</b>	<b>DR Court Special Projects OTHER EXPENSES 2182 - 02 - 13 - 253000 - 530000 -</b>	<b>\$ 4,291.00</b>

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes;    Commissioner Batchler, Yes;    Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. NO ONE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN OPENED THE MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER BATCHLER SHARED THAT IT IS HER AIDE, JENNIFER HALEY'S BIRTHDAY TODAY AND WISHED HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ALSO WISHED A HAPPY 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND HIS WIFE.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN WISHED MS. HALEY A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND COMMISSIONER PAINTER A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER PAINTER THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY WISHES.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 11:20 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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**CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER**

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**HOLLY CRUEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

08/25/2021  
**DATE APPROVED**